

132065

6057 Ann Arbor Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98115-7618
June 3, 2001

Director Anthony Fazio
Office of Rulemaking
Docket Management System
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room PL401
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Comments on 14 CFR Part 136
Docket No. FAA-2001-8690 - 32

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
01 JUN -7 PM 4:49

Dear Director Fazio:

I am greatly concerned about the interference of the noise of the overhead plane traffic on the quality and esthetics of my visits to our National Parks. It is inappropriate for the few to inflict on the rest of us the pollution of the noise and visual distractions that result from commercial air tours over our parks.

I support the 5000' Above Ground Level altitude recommended by FAA as the triggering altitude for the air tour management planning process.

In any Air Tour Management Planning process, the FAA should recognize the National Park Service's expertise on natural quiet issues and defer to the Park Service's authority to determine the impacts of noise on park visitors, resources, and values.

I ask the FAA begin immediately to enforce the "no new entrants" clause of the Act to prevent new air tour operators before the management process begins and that the FAA block any existing air tour operators from flying over parks if they ignored the FAA Advisory requesting air tour operator over national parks to notify the FAA of their over-park operations within 90 days of the passage of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act in April 2000.

It is important that the FAA clearly define for the public and for air tour operators the process through which air tour management plans will be developed.

Sincerely,

Bonnie E. Miller

Bonnie E. Miller